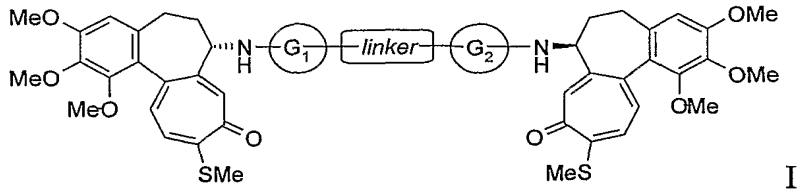
CLAIMS

1. Compounds of formula I



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in which:

- the linker is a bivalent straight or branched C_1-C_8 alkyl residue, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, a phenylene or C_4-C_6 heterocyclic ring;
- the G_1 and G_2 junctions, which can be the same or different, are -CO-, -CONH, -CR_2- groups in which R_2 is hydrogen or a straight C_1-C_4 alkyl residue,

or the G_1-linker-G_2 group is the -CO- group

with the proviso that when G_1 and G_2 are both CO, or when G_1 is -CONH- and G_2 is -CO-, the linker is different from a bivalent alkyl residue.

2. Compounds as claimed in claim 1 wherein G_1 and G_2 are both CO or CONH.

3. Compounds as claimed in claim 1 or 2 in which the *linker* is a phenylene, C_5-C_6 cycloalkylene or heterocyclic group.

4. Compounds as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the *linker* is selected from bivalent straight alkyl residues having from two to six carbon atoms.

5. Compounds as claimed in claim 1 or 2 in which the *linker* is selected from 1,3-ciclohexylene and 1,4-cyclohexylene.

6. Compounds as claimed in claim 1 or 2 in which the *linker* is selected from 1,2-, 1,3- or 1,4-phenylene.

7. Compounds as claimed in claim 1 or 2 in which the *linker* is selected

from pyridyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl linked to the G_1 and G_2 groups in the positions 3,5 or 2,5 or 2,6.

8. The compounds of formula I for antitumour, antiarthritis, antiinflammatory and antiviral use.

9. Pharmaceutical compositions containing the compounds of formula I as active ingredients in admixture with suitable carriers and/or excipients.